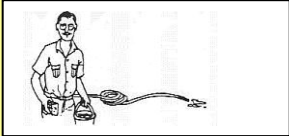



Present Perfect Continuous vs. Present Perfect simple	
Present Perfect Continuous	Present Perfect simple
Compare:	
<p><i>I've been cleaning my car.</i></p>  <p>When we use the present perfect continuous, the action may be finished or not finished.</p>	<p><i>I've cleaned my car.</i></p>  <p>We use the present perfect simple when the action is finished.</p>
We use the present perfect continuous to talk about how long something has been in progress.	We use the present perfect simple to talk about what has been achieved in a period of time.
<p><i>I've been typing letters all morning.</i> <i>How long have you been having driving lessons?</i></p>	<p><i>I've typed four letters so far this morning.</i> <i>How many diving lessons have you had?</i></p>
We use the present perfect continuous for situations which are more temporary. (continuing for a short time)	We use the present perfect simple for situations which are more permanent. (continuing for a longer period)
<p><i>He's been living there for just a few weeks.</i> <i>I've been working hard recently.</i></p>	<p><i>He's always lived there.</i> <i>You've worked hard all your life.</i></p>
Sometimes there is only a small difference in meaning between the two forms.	
<p><i>I've been living/I've lived in this flat for ten years.</i> <i>How long has she been working/has she worked for the company?</i></p>	
Exercise: Choose the correct form.	
<p>Example: Can I have a look at your newspaper? Certainly, you can keep it if you like <i>I've been reading/I've read</i> it.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>They've been repairing/they've repaired</i> the road all this week, but they haven't finished it yet. I'm very sorry, but <i>I've been breaking/I've broken</i> this chair. Sally <i>has been saving/has saved</i> nearly two thousand pounds so far this year. What's the matter? <i>Have you been losing/have you lost</i> something? <i>I've always been working/I've always worked</i> in the music industry. Someone <i>has been eating/has eaten</i> my chocolates. There aren't many left. 	